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Arizona

Patrick Whiteford

Key Accomplishments

1. AGIC recently published a new strategic plan that will prioritize their goals for the next three years. The priorities focus on investing in Arizona's geospatial community, maximizing AZGeo's impact, and promoting AGIC's brand.
2. In February, AGIC Council members and volunteers discussed what should be the Council's new strategic goals. Volunteers were invaluable, noting that in addition to focusing on outreach, AGIC also needed more in-reach for new AGIC volunteers.
3. Two new committees will facilitate information exchange and data sharing for the natural resources and emerging technologies/remote sensing fields. A new workgroup will focus on supporting GIS education in the K-12 and higher education programs.

Key Challenges

1. Jenna Leveille recently left state service. Until a new deputy state cartographer is hired, her work has been distributed across Arizona State Land employees and AGIC volunteers.
2. The Governor's Office has required more time to appoint new members, making it difficult for AGIC to maintain a full member roster. They are working with Arizona State Land to encourage appointments in order to meet state quorum requirements.

3. Outreach to tribal and rural communities continues to be a priority. We assist where possible to help them implement their own GIS solutions, which helps them to support us in improving our statewide geospatial data infrastructure.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. AGIC is working on outreach and inreach efforts, including new branding, continuing outreach to tribal and rural communities, and efforts to help new AGIC participants feel welcome.
2. AGIC is currently working to implement a biennial imagery program to complement NAIP, giving Arizona statewide imagery on years that NAIP is not flown.
3. A new statewide tax parcel feature service is now available to all Arizona government entities at no cost through AZGeo, the state's geospatial clearinghouse.



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Arkansas

Shelby Johnson

Key Accomplishments

1. Successful launch of a statewide LiDAR Quality Level 1 update in partnership with USGS & NRCS.
2. Joint project with the last County in the state to conduct parcel map conversion.
3. Funding for the restoration of the Cherokee and Choctaw Boundary markers, which governs our border with Oklahoma.

Key Challenges

1. Due to organizational structure within our department and division, there is a lack of a career advancement path for staff. Also, due to high workload, there is less time for process improvement and training allowing staff to explore new developments.
2. Continued outreach to other departments and divisions, which is necessary due to turnover at those other departments.
3. Staff turnover at our local government partners.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Get all counties to Next Generation 911 GIS readiness by end of year.

2. Obtain permanent, recurring funding to support digital ortho-imagery updates that can be implemented on a regular cycle.
3. Leverage the statewide QL1 lidar data that we'll soon have.



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Colorado

Jackie Phipps Montes

Key Accomplishments

1. Cloud Deployment of Enterprise GIS! This is the first time all agency users from the state can seamlessly login to a GIS system without additional credentials or licensing to view data, maps, and apps
2. Expanded our Accessible Mapping Resources
3. Improved our processing time for our statewide address and parcel datasets

Key Challenges

1. Internal IT processes for implementing new solutions that require cross team support
2. Increasing awareness and participation in our offerings and services
3. Procurement!

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Build out our internal spatial data sharing partnerships and collaborations.
2. Grow geospatial technologies visibility and adoption at an executive leadership level across the state.

3. Increase participation and interaction with our GeoPortal and Local Government site by offering useful data, maps, apps, and resources



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Connecticut
Alfredo Herrera

Key Accomplishments

1. Completion and Adoption of Geospatial Strategic Plan
2. Completion of the Statewide Parcel Dataset for 2023, update coming for 2024
3. Imagery and Elevation data deliverables are being received.

Key Challenges

1. Navigating data security issues and challenges when enabling agencies for geospatial work.
2. Building out spatial data culture at state agencies
3. Access to geospatial software for the GIS office and other stakeholders

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Implementation of Strategic Plan goals through governance.
2. Establishing a comprehensive address dataset with built-in processes for updating the data.
3. Continue to work towards securing programmatic funding for geospatial projects.



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Delaware

Jason Vogl

Key Accomplishments

1. Received data collection funding in the budget for the first time.
2. 2024 imagery acquisition.
3. Delaware's project submission to the USGS FY24 3DNTM DCA was recommended for 3DHP funding.

Key Challenges

1. Interagency collaboration for data collection.
2. Increasing vendor costs impacting agency utilization.
3. Ensuring data collection funds persist in future budgets.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Complete RFP for ongoing Imagery and LULC data acquisition
2. Document and implement plans to help ensure funding of costs impacting agency utilization
3. Finalize LiDAR data processing and begin 3DHP project.



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Florida

Jason Ray

Key Accomplishments

1. Publishing a public, Statewide parcel layer for the State of Florida and providing the first annual update via our open data portal.
2. Including more State and local partners on the FDEM / FGIO geospatial coordination calls for Hurricanes Idahlia and Debby.
3. Completed phase one and well into phase two of the Statewide Florida Seafloor Mapping Initiative (details at FloridaGIO.gov Initiatives).

Key Challenges

1. Recruiting and retaining on-site, skilled, geospatial staff in State Government.
2. Strategic planning to include emergency response for more frequent floods, hurricanes, and related time sensitive response events. Florida is currently constructing a new bigger, Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee,.
3. Responding to changes in technology, data resources, and methodologies that cycle faster than the contracting process in State Government.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. For 2025 - Create a Statewide Florida address geocoding service.
2. Refresh our 2017 FL LiDAR Assessment to support a Legislative Budget Request submission during the 2026 Legislative Session covering a formal FL Statewide LiDAR Collection.
3. Develop / update a Florida Geospatial State Agency and Local government contact list.



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Georgia

Susan Miller

Key Accomplishments

1. Our state's new Geospatial Advisory Council developed and adopted its first Strategic Plan.
2. We secured funding for Georgia's first statewide Imagery Program through partnerships with our Department of Transportation and the Atlanta Regional Commission, collaborating with Sanborn/Vexcel.
3. We supported the development of our state's NG911 Strategic Plan and secured a one-time 'Data Infusion' of addresses and routable road centerlines, in partnership with TomTom, to support all ~700 of Georgia's local governments and state agencies.

Key Challenges

1. Teaching government how to be more effective and efficient—breaking down barriers, eliminating silos, and uniting resources from different sectors to provide geospatial insights that transform government operations
2. Creating a framework for local governments to engage reliable, standardized services from the private sector through state-level contracts.
3. Establishing a trusted resource where state governments can access and share authoritative geospatial data.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Gathering more detailed summaries of state GIO offices and Councils—information not captured by GMA—that could help us expand our support for citizens, private sector partners, and public offices.
2. Strategies for launching a hydrology program.
3. Examples of written policies from other geospatial offices.



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Idaho

Wilma Robertson

Key Accomplishments

1. First draft of The Idaho Map put together. Planning a limited release in December 2024.
2. First addresses submitted to the NAD (albeit just for two counties, but it is a start)
3. Funding secured to continue supporting GIS for NG9-1-1 until December 2026

Key Challenges

1. Insufficient staffing: too much work, not enough time.
2. Funding: to do everything we need to do we need to creatively try to find money.
3. Buy in: educating people GIS is way more than making map, and that GIS Analysts have many and unique skills that require better compensation

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Work with Master Students at Boise State University to collect data that can be used to build a statewide Imagery Program
2. Pull together people and plan for funding to implement Indoors at State Buildings and for Schools

3. Release "The Idaho Map" to the public and continue adding new layers. Start realizing overall data governance program starting with my own agency.



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Illinois

Mark Yacucci

Key Accomplishments

1. Collected aerial photography for 75% of the state through a Private/Public partnership
2. Received and made available new LiDAR data for 16 counties
3. Pilot study to create hydro-conditioned DEM, cutlines, stream network & catchments for 61 HUC 12's

Key Challenges

1. Funding/ Appropriation for the Center for Geographic Information
2. Funding for support/QA/QC and delivery of LiDAR data after 2025
3. Statewide Parcels Layer

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Secure Funding for the Center for Geographic Information
2. Produce a parcels layer of "willing" county data providers
3. Continue HUC 12 work



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Indiana

Megan Compton

Key Accomplishments

1. Completed the Values and Benefits Study – GIO saves the state \$10.2M annually. For \$1 invested, there is a \$857 economic impact. The IndianaMap saves user \$3M annually in time saved.
2. Data Harvest Program goes next level! Launched a SaaS solution and SEED grant program for county gov't framework data improvements. Developed custom solutions to support statewide tax management.
3. Completed Geospatial Modernization – Moved all Desktop users to ArcGIS Pro, migrated all state agency services and data to AWS cloud, launched new solution for imagery hosting and delivery, and completed Statewide Geospatial Data Governance Plans.

Key Challenges

1. QA/QC for the next elevation program. We are not sure whether to do a full QA/QC of lidar ourselves or rely on USGS, and the cost is above our planned budget for the program.
2. Navigating the new frontier of grant funding for local government. We have been working
3. Statewide support and workforce for next Hydrography program is in short supply. The next hydro project is on the horizon and we need to be prepared and fully understand the needs and data from our next imagery and elevation program.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Settle the Geospatial Outreach Coordinator roles and increase local government engagement to help broader data improvements.
2. Engage with K-20 education. New policies limit the teaching of geography in K-12 schools and higher education could incorporate more infrastructure and IT related education that is necessary for Enterprise management.
3. Formally evaluate progress on the 5 year Strategic Plan. We are half way through the plan and have struggled with a good way to systematically track progress. We plan to share relevant progress on the plan more broadly with our GIS Community.



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Kansas

Kenneth Nelson

Key Accomplishments

1. GIS-related service and coordination for the Kansas NG911 program
2. Renewal of Esri Enterprise Agreement
3. Statewide orthoimagery update

Key Challenges

1. Data sharing agreements
2. Balancing staff resources and growing project workload
3. Navigating administrative change

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Reinvigorate thematic data committees
2. Complete cloud architecture migration
3. Strategic plan update



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Maine

Clarence Young

Key Accomplishments

1. Added a full time Director for the Maine GeoLibrary to our team.
2. Grew the use of GIS in Maine Government Services to include over 1000 professionals in 22 State Agencies
3. Entered into a an agreement to provide a complete landbase product for the entire State.

Key Challenges

1. Transition our GIS data delivery infrastructure to a secure cloud hosting center.
2. Develop funding to support new program objectives in a tightening economy.
3. Closing the gap enabling Maine communities to share spatially enabled data as a consistent capability.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Complete the modernization of the Enterprise GIS infrastructure.
2. Implement a program to manage geospatial data driven contracts at the Maine Office of GIS

3. Pilot a program to enable cross jurisdictional sharing of a statewide cadastral data set.



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Michigan

Mark Holmes

Key Accomplishments

1. Established GIS Advisory Group
2. Michigan's hydrography project became official USGS project through a FY24 DCA award
3. Michigan established GIO role

Key Challenges

1. Getting data updates at regular frequency
2. Barriers to open data
3. Budgets keeping up with growth of GIS

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Establish a State Addressing Guidelines Document
2. Successful launch of new GIS Advisory Group
3. Improve web and social media presence for everything geospatial across Michigan



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Minnesota

Alison Slaats

Key Accomplishments

1. Funding for modernization of Minnesota Geospatial Commons (Minnesota's GIS data clearinghouse site)
2. Hired a MnGeo surveyor position, set up grant, process, and gave \$9.1 million in grant funds to 34 counties to work on PLSS remonumentation
3. Supported MN Governor Walz for his Esri UC presentation and with a MN map portfolio to showcase state agency work

Key Challenges

1. Identify ongoing funding for imagery and lidar data collection, hosting and distribution
2. Identify ongoing funding PLSS remonumentation in Minnesota to support county needs
3. Working towards more complete open data policies across Minnesota

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Work on ongoing funding strategies for continued and improved program work.
2. Complete modernization of MN Geospatial Commons, and lidar distribution sites
3. Work on a data endorsement process with Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council



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Mississippi
Jim Steil

Key Accomplishments

1. 1st formal GIS Council meeting with legislative leadership in 10+ years
2. GIS Council agreement on next steps achieved
3. Continuity of operations w/o funding

Key Challenges

1. 42 years of no clearinghouse operational support/budget
2. Absence of state-level 911 leadership
3. Crisis fatigue dulls the urgency of action to most

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Get the strategic plan funded this year
2. Begin the planning process to gain the currently lacking widespread participation
3. Return to legislature next year with thanks, progress, and heads-up for 2026



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Missouri

Tracy Schloss

Key Accomplishments

1. \$3.3 M budget increase for GIS expansion
2. Esri Enterprise License agreement for 15 state agencies
3. \$0.5 M for our GIS clearinghouse

Key Challenges

1. We don't have enough resources to properly serve out the amount of raster data we've been collecting.
2. Not enough GIS professionals to fill all the positions across the state
3. Lack of a plan for systematically updating our LiDAR coverage

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Defining specific responsibilities for our clearinghouse as they figure out how to use the new funding
2. Figuring out a better plan for LiDAR data acquisition that isn't so piecemeal.
3. Figuring out a better plan for raster storage, since we're exceeding the model we've built for utilizing our clearinghouse.



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Montana

Erin Fashoway

Key Accomplishments

1. Released New Cadastral Application - cadastral.mt.gov
2. Advancing our Strategic Goals - Improving Communication with Geospatial Stakeholders
3. 2026 Conference is coming to Montana!!

Key Challenges

1. Decreases in Revenue - Major Budget Cuts Across All Agency Programs
2. Cancelled our Geospatial Grant Program Next Fiscal year & Cancelled Moved to Cloud & Implementation of Architecture
3. Lack of Support

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Newly Developed Geospatial Information Plan
2. Successful Imagery Program Implemented
3. Implement Geospatial Governance for Montana - State Policies/Best Practices on MSDI Authoritative Datasets



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Nebraska

Casey DunnGossin

Key Accomplishments

1. Migrated our storage to Cloud
2. Upgraded to Portal for ArcGIS 11.1
3. First amendment to a major Enterprise License Agreement

Key Challenges

1. Senior Leadership Changes
2. Changes to cost recovery structure
3. Planning for license model changes by a vendor

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Continue Cloud discovery and movement to a new Portal structure
2. Work on a significant documentation effort for all things GIS at Nebraska
3. Automate more data collection and administrative tasks



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New Hampshire

Sean Goodwin

Key Accomplishments

1. UNH GIS Clearing house collaborations with State agencies to publish broadband availability maps, Lead in School Drinking Water dashboards and state agency project viewers.
2. Implementation of GIS based mobile 911 call taking platforms.
3. Deployment of a multi-agency supported statewide hi resolution imagery service

Key Challenges

1. Securing and maintaining stable GIS funding.
2. Implementation of a regular statewide Orthoimagery collection plan with timely deliverables.
3. Sharing GIS data to meet the needs of our citizens who rely on critical applications and delivery services for the wellbeing of society.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Implement Portal for ArcGIS Enterprise where possible to improve data distribution across multiple state agencies and extend collaborations between state agencies and UNH to enhance application development, data distribution and data access.
2. Support and assist in the migration from legacy systems and tools to enable compliance with Next Generation 911 data compliance standards and support of the National Address Database.
3. Resume the regular collaboration of our 3 Tier GIS User/Advisory structure and support participation in the 3DHP collaborative in New England.



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New York

Elisabetta DeGironimo, GISP

Key Accomplishments

1. Created several high-profile public facing dashboards tracking sources and uses of State & Federal funds
2. Kicked-off multi-year, multi-million dollar GIS architecture modernization project
3. Successfully completed several high-profile agency projects and filled several key leadership positions

Key Challenges

1. Coordinating & supporting a new surge of GIS use in agencies
2. Deploying GIS software across 20+ state agencies
3. Integrating GIS into statewide enterprise IT

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Expanding GIS software and service access in the state's IT service catalog
2. Expanding stakeholder outreach and renewing coordination with municipal governments
3. Developing & improving governance documents



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North Carolina

Tim Johnson

Key Accomplishments

1. Funding identified for a statewide landcover dataset in collaboration with the State of South Carolina.
2. Met all 2023 goals: (1) made 3-foot DEMs available for public visualization and download; (2) implemented workflow to capture building footprints from imagery using AI/ML; and (3) produced statewide hydrography gap analysis and recommendations plan.
3. Broadened participation by filling GICC committee vacancies, held GICC August meeting outside of Raleigh for first time, and Local Government Committee of GICC continues to grow with over 100 attendees at each quarterly meeting.

Key Challenges

1. Secure ongoing funding for three key statewide datasets: building footprints, elevation, and hydrography.
2. Consistent pay does not exist across all state agencies for GIS staff, resulting in challenges related to recruiting and retention.
3. Segmented agency-level enterprise GIS exists across state government with little technical coordination which strains resources.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Host the 19th biannual NC GIS Conference in March 2025.
2. Work with DIT-HR and Office of State Human Resources to study job classifications to resolve pay and equity issues.
3. Make AddressNC geocoding service more pervasive throughout the state.



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North Dakota

Bob Nutsch

Key Accomplishments

1. Growing utilization of the Statewide Parcel Dataset and embedding that into business processes
2. Utilization of the 5-year Strategic Plan - working our way through each goal
3. Continued improvements in providing geospatial self-service for agency geospatial data stewards

Key Challenges

1. Growing demand for geospatial data and technology within agencies having few or none geospatial resources
2. Insufficient staffing levels for the increasing workload
3. Develop geospatial data governance tied into new Statewide Data Strategy

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Continued improvement of Statewide Parcel Dataset maintenance, sustainability, usability
2. Funding for geospatial FTE - funding request submitted for 2025 Legislative Session

3. Funding for development of a Geospatial Roadmap - funding request submitted for 2025 Legislative Session



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Oklahoma

Mike Sharp

Key Accomplishments

1. Received funding for statewide, leaf-off aerial photography. Last statewide, leaf-off photography was 30 years ago!
2. Received grant to fund training of PSAP staff and developers on how to prepare NG911 data for submission to the State NG911 Repository.
3. The state now has 100% coverage of LiDAR data that is QL2 or better.

Key Challenges

1. Maintaining state appropriation for the next fiscal year.
2. Impressing on key decision makers (Legislators, Executive Branch Managers) the importance of GIS in day-to-day decision making.
3. Having all the state's PSAP NG911 data in the State NG911 Repository.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Coordinate the implementation of a 3DHP pilot project.
2. Identify new state agencies that can benefit from applying GIS technologies to their business operations.

3. Update the Office of Geographic Information Strategic Plan.



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Rhode Island
Garth Hoxsie-Quinn

Key Accomplishments

1. Pushed the button that sent the email to other New England states to engage them in a region wide 3DHP DCA submission that was submitted by CT.
2. Assisted in the development of our states Social Equity Platform.
3. Assisted in the development of a draft report for the need for a centralized GIS office/center.

Key Challenges

1. Develop a comprehensive parcel map that highlights multiple pieces of information.
2. Develop a statewide housing dashboard/hub site.
3. Develop a comprehensive state portfolio for quicks data access by local officials and the public.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Establish a centralized GIS office/center.
2. Move the needle on RI statewide parcels.
3. Learn how to establish a Hub.



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Tennessee

Paul Dudley

Key Accomplishments

1. We founded the TN GIS Coordination Council made up of state agency GIS and data leaders. The council is supported by several working groups and hopes to improve coordination/solutions at the state level.
2. We re-launched an Open Data Portal to share state agency data.
3. We submitted a proposal for 15,570 square miles of 3DHP work to USGS. The project is year two and part of a five year effort to collect 3DHP data statewide.

Key Challenges

1. Competition with other solutions in and outside of the state IT infrastructure that are now offering geospatial or mapping components.
2. Finding funding for 3DEP refreshes and creating a five year plan with uncertain funding.
3. Making state agency representatives aware of our products and services and maintaining current revenue streams.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Update our state agency mapping applications and web presence to meet ADA /WCAG requirements.
2. Find new funding partners for 3DEP refreshes fueled by increases in point density and technology growth.
3. To continue strong coordination and funding in year three of the five year 3DHP effort.



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Texas

Richard Wade

Key Accomplishments

1. Land Parcel and Address point collection now over 99% complete.
2. Texas Imagery Service 2024 acquisition underway. Due to be completed by spring 2025.
3. Estimated 100,000 frames of historical photos georeferenced for GIS use.

Key Challenges

1. Keeping up with Lidar demand and new 5-year refresh cycle.
2. Coordinated statewide data acquisitions and data development.
3. Increasing costs of data storage due to historical preservation of data.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Increase our funding to increase our Lidar and Bathymetric acquisition and Digital Twin development.
2. Begin the redesign and improvements our geospatial data hub.
3. Develop digital twin "proof of value" datasets for NG911, Flood and School safety projects.



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Vermont

John Adams

Key Accomplishments

1. Received 3D Hydrography Program Award (and applied for another).
2. Flood response imagery workflow from tasking to publishing now <12 hours.
3. Statewide property transfers geocoded and updated weekly.

Key Challenges

1. Absence of GIS capacity Public Safety and Emergency Management.
2. Keeping up with increasing demand for our services.
3. Navigating shifting IT and security policies that that introduce complexity and red tape.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Make sure our team feels valued and enjoys their work.
2. A funded plan to collect statewide imagery every year.
3. Track new housing construction within a month of activity.



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Virginia

Joe Sewash

Key Accomplishments

1. Virginia Next Generation 911 GIS readiness project completed and transitioned to maintenance for all 124 civilian primary 9-1-1 centers in January 2024 with support from VGIN's 9-1-1 GIS Program.
2. Virginia GIS Clearinghouse: Refresh of platform servers and projects to surpass 1 billion data requests served for CY 2024.
3. Orthoimagery program kicking off seventh series of commonwealth-wide collection since 2002.

Key Challenges

1. Aligning NENA Next Generation 9-1-1 Standard Data Model v3 release containing new CLDXF-related attributes, new layers, and Z-axis support in site structure address points content .
2. Support commonwealth and agency data governance strategy implementation.
3. Resourcing: VGIN budget has been static for eight biennium.

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Expand focus on outcomes supported by geospatial data and technologies.
2. Review / update base layer standards.
3. Update commonwealth enterprise GIS strategic plan.



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Washington
Joshua Greenberg

Key Accomplishments

1. Hydro pilot study (3DHP) completion and funding for 5 year State wide update
2. Refresh of lidar data starting to update existing Statewide QL1 coverage
3. Recognition of GIS as integral to the overall state enterprise data system

Key Challenges

1. Contributed data for Lidar being accepted by USGS for use with 3DHP
2. Getting “big data” in the hands of users (e.g. high resolution land cover data, lidar data and imagery)
3. Continuing with our statewide imagery consortium group

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Integration of GIS (GeoAnalytics Engine) with Databricks and other “non spatial” data sources
2. Use cases for integrating GIS into the Resident Portal currently in development for WA
3. Greater coordination of GIS across all IT disciplines (Enterprise Architecture, AI workgroups, etc)



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West Virginia
Taryn Moser

Key Accomplishments

1. Moving WV from a Sole Source ESRI Contract to Master Agreement containing Training and Services
2. Grant Funding for GIS Initiative for rural communities in Appalachia, understanding parcel data
3. GIS Day at the Legislature

Key Challenges

1. Office of 1
2. Not having a budget
3. Extremely outdated legislation for Geospatial initiatives in WV

Key Goals for Next Year

1. State Wide Imagery collaboration
2. Lidar Statewide collaboration
3. Boundary Legislation



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Wyoming

Heidi Martin

Key Accomplishments

1. Esri Enterprise Server & Portal for agency data sharing & map publishing
2. Forging a relationship with WYGISC
3. State Plane Coordinate System Legislation passed

Key Challenges

1. Council equivalent not active
2. Lack of funding/staff
3. Lack of funding for GeoHub at WYGISC

Key Goals for Next Year

1. Resurrect state agency user group
2. Create enterprise offerings for state agencies
3. Funding for pilot projects with WYGISC